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Ohio Wesleyan students may study for any of the three degrees offered by the University: the Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Fine Arts, and the Bachelor of Music.

The following are required for any degree:

Thirty-four Units

Thirty-four units of passing work. Only courses in which a passing grade (D- or better) has been received may be counted toward the 34 graduation units.

Grade Average

A 2.0 cumulative grade point average.

Full-Time Enrollment

Full-time enrollment in the junior and senior years at Ohio Wesleyan or on an approved off-campus study program (see Residence Requirement).

Competency in English

To be certified as competent in English composition, students must demonstrate the ability to write logically structured, clear, and mechanically accurate expository essays and resource papers. This may be done in one of two ways:

A. Standardized Testing. Distinguished performance on one of the following standardized tests of verbal aptitude and skills will result in exemption from the English composition requirement:

1. A score of 4 or 5 on the Advanced Placement Examination. In addition to meeting the competency requirement, this score will earn students one unit of English literature credit.
2. A score of 710 or higher on the verbal portion of the Scholastic Assessment (SAT-I) Test.
3. A score of 710 or higher on the SAT-II subject test in writing or English composition, of the College Entrance Examination Board.
4. A score of 30 or higher on the ACT sub-test in English.

B. Course Completion. Students not exempted by reason of their test scores (see A. above) will demonstrate competence by achieving a grade of C- or better in ENG 105, which may not be taken credit/no entry. The English composition requirement normally must be completed by the end of the student's second semester at Ohio Wesleyan.

Competency in Writing Across the Curriculum

To be certified as competent in writing across the disciplines, students must complete three writing-intensive ("R") courses (each worth at least .50 units of credit), normally one each during the sophomore, junior, and senior years, after completion of the English Competency requirement.

To earn an "R", the student should produce 4,000 words (15 pages) of writing, either as one major paper or two or more smaller papers. Normally the paper(s) is taken through several stages of drafts, with substantial advice from the instructor at each stage. Such advice occurs in conference with, as well as editorial comment by, the professor.

Students who are exempt from the English Competency requirement on the basis of standardized test scores may take writing courses in their first year. Students will receive the R-notation on their transcripts for all courses in which they successfully complete the R-component and pass the course.

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Cultural Diversity Requirement

Beginning with those students entering in 1993, all students at Ohio Wesleyan must complete one unit course with a substantial focus on Non-Euro-American topics. Such courses will deal with the peoples and cultures of Africa, Asia (including the Middle East), Latin America, Native North America (Amerindians), and Oceania or with American ethnic minorities who trace their ancestry to one of these regions. Such courses are listed below and are designated in the Schedule of Classes.

It is acceptable for a course to meet both the cultural diversity requirement and another requirement. For example, a diversity course could also be used as a course in a student's major or as a distribution requirement.

Students who spend a semester or more in a University-approved, off-campus study program in Africa, Asia (including the Middle East), Latin America, Native North America or Oceania would meet the cultural diversity requirement through their off-campus experience.

Those courses which meet the diversity requirement are: ART 348, 349; BWS 100.1, 122, 126, 128, 224, 274, 300.1, 342, 343, 348, 350, 368, 370; ECON 345, 353, 370; EMAN 345; ENG 224, 268, 273, 278, 369; FREN 255, 257, 379; GEOG 110, 270, 345, 334; HMCL 127, 227, 265, 300.3, 375, 499A; HIST 115, 116, 322, 323, 324, 325, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335; MUS 347, 348; PG 211, 260, 300.5, 344, 348, 349; REL 104, 111, 312, 313, 316, 336, 341, 343, 344, 346, 352, 353; SOAN 111, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 354, 357, 360, 367; SPAN 255, 300.4, 350, 352, 362, 364, 499 (special sections only when concentration is Latin America); WGS 110, 200.2, 260, 300.2, 300.3, 300.4, 499D, 499E.

Beginning with incoming freshmen in 2006, students seeking teaching licenses must complete two unit courses with a substantial focus on non-Euro-American topics.

Quantitative Reasoning Requirement

Beginning with those students entering in 2006, all students at Ohio Wesleyan University must complete one unit course with a substantial focus on quantitative methods. Such courses will require students to strengthen analytical reasoning skills based on the use of arithmetical, algebraic, geometric, statistical, logical, and/or algorithmic methods to solve problems. Courses satisfying this requirement will emphasize quantitative ways of thinking over rote memorization and the mechanical use of equations. Such courses are listed below and are designated in the *Schedule of Classes*.

It is acceptable for a course to meet both the quantitative reasoning requirement and another requirement. For example a "Q" course could also be used in a student's major or as a distribution requirement.

The courses which meet the "Q" requirement are: ASTR 111; CHEM 111; CS 110, 210; ECON 110, 252, 353, 372; EMAN 361; MATH 100.2, 105, 110, 111, 210, 230; PHYS 110C, 111C, 115, 116; PSYC 210.

Proficiency in Writing

Any instructor in the University may submit, in addition to the regular grade in a course for any student, a supplementary evaluation in English composition. Any unsatisfactory (U) evaluation, (including U's in courses taken credit/no entry, even though credit may not have been earned and the course not entered on the record), remands the student to the Writing Resource Center and must be cleared within the next semester in which the student is enrolled. Failure to be certified for release at the end of the following semester will result in review for retention in the University by the Committee on Academic Status. Seniors with

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The Bachelor of Arts Degree

U's on their record may not graduate until the U is removed. All U notations will be erased from the student's academic record once clearance is certified to the Registrar by the Writing Resource Center. Until a student has completed ENG 105, he or she will not normally be tutored in the Writing Resource Center.

Policy on Participation in Commencement

Students who have completed 32 units toward graduation by the end of Spring semester will be eligible to participate in commencement in May. One's intention to participate in commencement must be stated at senior checkout, which must be scheduled with the Registrar's Office and be held before the end of the previous Fall semester.

The Bachelor of Arts Degree

Unit Courses

In addition to the requirements above for all Ohio Wesleyan degrees, each candidate for the Bachelor of Arts must complete or fulfill the following:

Of the 34 graduation units, 31 must be full-unit courses or 1.25-unit courses. Modular (.50-unit) courses taken in the same discipline may be combined in pairs to count also as unit courses to fulfill graduation requirements. Modular courses taken in different disciplines may not be combined to count as unit courses, but instead will be counted in the three units of fractional courses that may count toward graduation. Credit for a maximum of two units (eight courses) in physical education activity courses, including varsity sports, may be earned and applied to the 34 units required for graduation. (Such courses are designated on the course schedule with prefix PE and 0 as the first digit of the course number.) If more than eight activity courses (two units) are completed, credit for subsequent courses will not be awarded and grades for such courses will not be included in term or cumulative GPA calculations. Credit for a maximum of two units in music organization and music ensemble courses may be earned and applied to the 34 units required for graduation. (Music organizations and ensembles are listed in this catalog under Music.) If more than two units of music organization and/or ensemble courses are completed, credit for subsequent courses will not be awarded and grades for such courses will not be included in term or cumulative GPA calculations.

At least 15 full-unit or 1.25-unit courses must be upper level (numbered 250 and above). To count toward the upper level course requirement, combinations of modular courses in the same discipline must be numbered 250 or above.

Majors

Students must complete a major as defined by a department or approved program, including approved interdisciplinary majors and programs, with at least a C average (2.00). For majors in a particular discipline, this average will be computed using grades for all courses for the major and grades for all additional courses in the major discipline. For interdisciplinary majors, grades for all courses required for the major and for additional courses taken that could have been used to fulfill major requirements will be used.

Students should declare their major by the end of their sophomore year since registration for specific courses is sometimes dependent upon that declaration. Once declared, students can easily change their major.

Requirements for a major may range from a minimum of eight to a maximum of 15 full-unit or 1.25-unit courses including required cognates and prerequisites. No more than 13 courses in a single discipline (English, mathematics, computer science, French, as examples) and no more than 17 courses within a single department (Mathematics and Computer Science, as examples) may be counted in the 34 units required for graduation. For these computations,